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For: ***SYSTEM AND METHOD TO EXTEND FIRMWARE CAPABILITIES BY  
LOADING FIRMWARE EXTENSIONS FROM A BOOT MEDIA (as amended)***

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR  
ONE MONTH EXTENSION**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to Mar. 14, 2005, from the Office Action dated Nov. 12, 2004. Please charge the petition filing fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

In response to the Office Action mailed on Nov. 12, 2004, please reconsider the pending claims based on the following amendment.

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Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harmer in view of Rakavy et al. and further in view of *Unicode Technical Report #10*. This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claim 12 is believed allowable as amended based on the foregoing and following discussion.

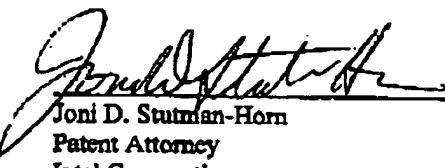
Neither Rakavy et al. nor *Unicode Technical Report #10* teach or disclose a system having an EFI architecture. Applicant's invention is a system and method for extending the firmware capabilities using the EFI architecture. Thus, Claim 12 is allowable. All claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1 to 20 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0221 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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